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SUBJECT: NETHERLANDS: RESPONSE TO IRANIAN UAV DEMARCHE

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Classified By: Political Counselor Andrew Schofer, reasons 1.4 (b,d)

¶1. (S) Polmilloff discussed reftel points with MFA Senior Advisor for Nuclear Affairs and Non-proliferation Ceta Noland on September 28. Noland claimed the points did not present any new information -- the Dutch intelligence service AIVD has been in close contact with U.S. intelligence agencies regarding the case, and is therefore on top of the situation. She added that the Dutch MFA is pushing the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs to issue a catch all in connection to Aviation Services International's apparent attempts to circumvent Dutch and EU export control restrictions.

¶2. (S) Noland noted, however, that a catch all issuance will be difficult, given the fact that Dutch companies are not required under Dutch law to apply for an export license for specific unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) components. She said the Dutch delegation will present on this topic at the MTCR plenary intelligence exchange in Copenhagen. Noland welcomed additional U.S. information and cooperation on this case, and noted that Dutch intelligence agencies will pass any new developments to their U.S. counterparts.

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